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Applicant: Ameer *et al.* Examiner: Nguyen, Helen
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For: TRANSDERMAL THERMAL POLYMERIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2002. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was September 6, 2002. A three-month extension of time from September 6, 2002, up to and including December 6, 2002, is hereby respectfully requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed.

Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Friday, December 6, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

AmendmentIn the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached as Appendix A.

17. (Amended) A method of drug delivery, the method comprising the steps of:
introducing a polymerizable material (prepolymer), a thermal polymerization initiator